Setting up of computer system in agricultural market yards

2099. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electronic Corporation of India Limited has developed a computer system for effective and fruitful functioning of agricultural market yards; and

(b) whether Governmnet propose to set up this computer system in all market yards in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Prices of Agricultural Implements

2100. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cost of agricultural implements such as Tractors, Power Tillers and Combine Harvesters are very high and beyond the reach of average farmers;

(b) if so, whaat steps are proposed to be taken to bring down the price of those implements; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the subsidy to farmers for the purchase of Tractors during the current year and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) There is no statutory control on the Prices of Tractors, Power tillers and combine Harvesters. Tractors of engine capacity not exceeding 1800 cubic centimeters (CC), power tillers and combine harvesters are fully exempted from central excise duty Government have also reduced excise duty on tractors of engine capacity exceeding 1000 cc from 17.25% (basic 15 per cent) to 10 per cent.

(c) The outlay under the scheme nas been increased to Rs. 10.00 crores during 1993-94, as compared to Rs. 5.00 crores during 1992-93. There is, however, no change in the maximum subsidy available per tractor.

Setting up of farmers agro services centre in U.P.

2101. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will tre Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Farmers Agro Service Centres in U.P., Haryana and if so, the details thereof including the details of Agricultural implements supplied in these centres; and

(b) the details of the amount spent on the establishment and implements of those centres during the last 3 years and whether any monitoring is being done to oversee their performance and if so; the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULITURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres for Custom Hiring and Popularisation of Animal Drawn Improved Agricultural Implements", was implemented from December, 1983 to 31st March, 1991. The establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres was one of the three components, the other two being demonstration and supply of Improved animal drawn implement and handtools at subsidised rates to the farmers.

A suggestive list was given for equipping the farmers agro service centres for custom hiring. The items include were See-cum-Fertilizer Drill, Power

Sprayers, Multi-Crop Thresher, Diesel Engines, etc. However, the actual provision of the equipments was with the State Government depending upon the locationwise requirement.

During 1991-92, modified scheme of Establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres was implemented. Under the scheme funds were placed at the disposal of the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, however no Farmers Agro Service Centres were estaboished by these States.

The implementation of the scheme was monitred at the Government of India level by holding review meetings and calling for a quarterly progress reports from the States. The progress was also reviewed during the Rabi and Kharif Conferences and during the Aear Officers and Technival Officers visits to these States.

The scheme stands transferred to the State sector w.e.f. 1st Aprij ,1992 in terms of the decision taken by the National Development Council.

Farms owned by State farm corporation of India in Uttar Pradesh

2102. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farms owned by the State Farm Corporation of India in U.P. alongwith the area of land under its occupation;

(b) how much amount has been spent on each of those farms during the last two years;

(c) the details of production of seeds and other projects taken up in those farms during the last two years; and

(d) what is the strength of the staff in those centre and how many of them are Agricultural Engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The number of farms owned by the State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the area of land under its occupation is as under:

	Area under possession (in hect.)	Cultivable area (in hect.)
C.S.F. Bahraich	3828	3058
C.S.F. Reabareli	191	158

(b) The details of expenditure incurred on the two farms during the last wo years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1991—92		1992—93	
	Bahraich	Raebareli	Bahraich	Raebareli
Capital	29.91	1.25	18.62	2.12
Revenue	374.27	34.12	393.51	40.67